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Budget and Taxation Committee
on
Senate Bill 105
January 15, 2025
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak about stewardship of creation. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community with three judicatories located in every part of our State.

Our community identified greenhouse gases as environmental pollutants in 1993 ("Caring for Creation," ELCA). We support transition to an energy production regime sourced from renewables in Maryland and other states.

Expansion of renewables in the energy sector is a stated Maryland policy goal. Many not-for-profits tend to be a collection of shoe-string operations doing the work of market failure.

A modest loan program that gets green energy into the NPO sector makes good policy sense. It can also help scale the renewable market, a goal we have supported for years.

We ask your favorable report.

Lee Hudson